



NEWS RELEASE

NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NEMA) – 1300 MILITARY ROAD – LINCOLN, NE 68508-1090

Joint Information Center (JIC)

Flood Hotline: (855) 211-2453 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays

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Nebraska JIC Daily Update

NEMA Continues to Monitor Flood Conditions – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is monitoring flood conditions along the Missouri and Platte rivers and providing assistance to local emergency management on a 24-hour basis. **NEMA's Flood Hotline** is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at **(855) 211-2453**.

No Changes National Guard -- Eight **Nebraska National Guardsmen** are supporting the Joint Operations Center, the State Emergency Operation Center as operations transition to local authorities.



FEMA

NEW NEMA and FEMA Update

Disaster Recovery Centers Open in Blair and Tekamah

LINCOLN, Neb. – Two Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) operated by the state of Nebraska and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) open at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Blair and Tekamah to assist those affected by recent flooding.

The **Blair DRC** will be at the Court House, 1555 Colfax St., Blair, NE, 68008, and it will be open Tuesday from 1 to 7 p.m. and thereafter from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday until further notice.

The **Tekamah DRC** will be at the Tekamah City Auditorium, 1315 K St., Tekamah, NE, 68061, and it will be open three days only beginning at 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and then from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Counties designated for assistance to individuals are Boyd, Burt, Cass, Dakota, Dixon, Douglas, Knox, Sarpy and Washington. Future DRC locations will be announced as they are scheduled. Flood survivors may visit any DRC location for assistance.

Before visiting a center, people with flood-related losses should register with FEMA even if they have applied for assistance with the USDA, filed a claim with the U.S. Corps of Engineers, received assistance from local voluntary agencies, or have called the NEMA flood hotline to report their damage.

Register with FEMA by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Help is available in most languages. Those with speech or hearing disability may call **(TTY) 800-462-7585**. Persons affected by the floods also may apply for federal assistance through a web-enabled mobile device or smartphone. Visit m.fema.gov and follow the link to "apply online for federal assistance."

Have the following information ready when you call to register:

- Social Security number
- Current and pre-disaster address
- Description of losses caused by disaster
- Contact information where FEMA can reach you
- Total household income
- Insurance information
- Banking information (including account number if you want direct fund deposits)

The Disaster Recovery Centers are staffed by experts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) providing loan information for individuals, renters and businesses, as well as other agencies. They will explain disaster assistance programs and help flood survivors.

NO CHANGES Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) Recommended alternate routes:

To and from Kansas: use **Highway 77** out of Lincoln and **Highway 81** out of York.

Across Nebraska: I-80 is expected to remain safe and dry route throughout the flooding months.

Strongly suggested route: If you are west of York on I-80 and intend to travel north on I-29 at Council Bluffs, consider taking **Highway 81** north at York to I-90 in South Dakota thus avoiding detour traffic in Iowa.

Avoid Highway 75 because of existing construction projects, lane closures and flood mitigation operations.

Avoid Highway 77 north of Lincoln because of delays due to bridge construction near Fremont.

NO CHANGES Road Closures *Call 511 or check online at www.roads.ne.gov/flood/ or www.511.nebraska.gov*

Highway 2 is closed from Nebraska City east into Iowa due to water covering the road on the Iowa side.

Highway 12 is closed east of Niobrara from the east edge of Niobrara to the Santee Spur. A west section of **Highway 12** is also closed from Verdel to approximately three miles west of Niobrara.

Highway 14/37 is closed from the junction with **Highway 12** to the Nebraska-South Dakota border (Standing Bear Bridge). **Highway 14** is open going south from the junction of **Highway 12**.

Highway 175 at the Decatur Missouri River Crossing to Iowa is closed due to erosion of the bridge embankment on the Iowa side. Officials will evaluate the erosion and determine if work can be done to enable the bridge to reopen.

Highway 136 is closed from Brownville east into Missouri due to water topping a levee on the Missouri side.

Highway 159 is closed from Rulo as it runs east into Missouri. Closure is due to levee break on the Missouri side of Big Lake which resulted in water over the road on the Missouri side.

I-680 into Iowa is closed due to I-680 in Iowa being covered by flood waters.

UPDATED River Levels — The National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service lists four flood stages: Major, Moderate, Flood and Action Stages. Sites at Action Stage or above are:

North Platte River

Henry, 5.13 feet — at Action Stage which is 4.5 feet, Flood Stage is 5.5 feet

Lewellen, 7.36 feet — at Action Stage which 6 feet, Flood Stage is 7.5 feet

North Platte, 6.82 feet — at Flood Stage which is 6 feet

Platte River

Brady, 6.79 feet — at Action Stage which is 6 feet, Flood Stage is 7.5 feet

Missouri River

Verdel, 27.3 feet – is at Major Flood Stage which is 26 feet

Niobrara, 25.58 feet – is at Major Flood Stage which is 24 feet

South Sioux City, 33.02 feet – is at Flood Stage which is 30 feet

Decatur, 39.03 feet – is at Moderate Flood Stage which is 38 feet

Blair, 30.24 feet – is at Moderate Flood Stage which is 28.5

Omaha, 34.44 feet – is at Moderate Flood Stage which is 32 feet

Plattsmouth, 33.62 feet – is at Moderate Flood Stage which is 31 feet

Nebraska City, 22.53 feet – is at Flood Stage which is 18 feet,

Brownville, 38.1 feet – is at Moderate Flood Stage which is 37 feet

Rulo, 23.58 feet – is at Moderate Flood Stage which is 21 feet



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